

**Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Programs and Alternatives Committee
December 10, 2014**

Committee Members Present:

Peter Slesar (V. Chair)	Sara Carpenter	Lee Wipfli	Dick Manke
Marla Bell	Joan Sternweis	Kevin Osborne	Susan Andrews

Absent:

Bethany Leonard	Meg Schnabl	Betty Groenewold	Judge Kathy Foster
Linda Sumwalt	Jean LaTour		

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Windy Jicha	Cara Bowman	Margaret Baer
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Slesar called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. when a quorum was established.

Presentation: 2013 – 2014 Jail ABE/GED Program Outcomes

Bowman distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Basic Education Program, Waukesha County Jail, 2013-14 Outcomes*. Luczaj said there are fewer high school credentials and completed GEDs because of new, national computer-based testing requirements. Bowman said in addition to the dramatically changed process and protocols, outcomes have been affected by the new and harder tests. WCTC will be launching a significant GED marketing campaign in 2015 to encourage people to enter into GED programs. Students can take GED tests as often as they like for a fee. All work done in the jail can be transferred to WCTC when students are released. Luczaj said WCTC added a computer skills class in the jail in anticipation of the new GED testing requirements.

Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2014

Motion: Osborne moved, Manke second, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014. Motion carried 8-0.

Update on WI Department of Justice JAG Crisis Intervention Team and Crisis Intervention Partners (CIT/CIP) Training Grant Application

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) & Crisis Intervention Programs (CIP) Training Grant Summary October 2014*. The WI DOJ grant application was due November 6, 2014 with applicants requesting up to \$50,000 to be used during the period of December 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Waukesha County's project detailed subcontracting with NAMI to provide a two-day CIP training in April for up to 80 correctional officers, probation agents, social workers, etc.; a five-day CIT training for local law enforcement officers providing up to 28 stipends at \$1,300 each; and a one-day Advanced CIT training for up to 25 officers who have previously completed CIT training. Luczaj said she was initially optimistic Waukesha County would secure funding but became less optimistic when she learned about the number of applications submitted. The DOJ likes to spread resources across the state especially to first time applicants.

Drug Court Update

Federal Grant Extension

Luczaj said Waukesha County was granted a nine-month extension for the federal drug court grant which will go through June 30, 2015 to spend the remaining approximately \$86,000 in grant funding. If there are funds remaining in June, Waukesha County may request a final three-month extension through September 30, 2015.

State TAD Grant Continuation Application

Luczaj said from the TAD grant program start up in March 2014 through the end of November, 20 drug court participants have been served by TAD grant funding. With two enrollments already scheduled, Luczaj is confident the program will meet its goal of 25 enrollments by the end of the year. Luczaj recently submitted paperwork to continue the grant, which is non-competitive and guaranteed as long as program goals are being met. There is strong support for TAD funding by state legislators and Luczaj expects the funding to be continued in 2016.

12/15 TAD Site Visit

Ray Luick of WI DOJ and several other DOJ staff will be visiting Waukesha County on December 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This somewhat informal meet and greet will focus on data collection in an effort to help the state prepare the release of its new reporting system this spring. Luczaj listed people from Waukesha County who were invited to attend the visit.

Slesar asked what is the expected end product of the meeting? Luczaj said this will be an informal meeting to allow the state to gather data for the upcoming spring release of the state's new data base. The CORE database will be used by grantees to enter required reporting data.

Update on Changes to Alcohol Treatment Court Program as of January 1, 2015

End of Federal Grant & Program Capacity Changes

Luczaj said the County Executive committed tax levy to the ATC program to continue expanded capacity from September 30, 2014, when federal grant funding ended, until December 31, 2014. The end of the grant funding resulted in the reduction of two grant-funded case managers and lowered program capacity. The program recently began using DUI-RANT and TCU Drug Screen screening tools to help reveal those applicants who would best be served by ATC.

Implementation of Screening Tools & Initial Results

Carpenter said WCS staff has been trained and is using the DUI-RANT and TCU screening tools. The tools are used to identify high risk, high need applicants who will be best served by ATC. CJCC purchased user licenses for the tools and training. The DUI-RANT was selected because it is recommended by national experts and because it has been validated and is predictive of identifying those most likely to reoffend.

Bell asked could P&P have access to clients' test results? Carpenter said clients' test results can be shared.

In response to Slesar's question, Carpenter said the tools are designed to identify high risk, high need participants for eligibility determination. Those with high risks and high needs respond best to ATC and DTC which provide intense supervision.

Overview of 2015 CJCC Budget

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled 2015 CJCC budget including financial summary, position summary and vendor budgets. Luczaj explained the many variables such as number of clients and client income levels that could affect the amount of program fees collected. Most CJCC program vendors received a 2% increase with the exception of Correct Care Solutions and WCTC. Correct Care Solutions, covered by a contract with the Sheriff's Department, received a 3% increase and WCTC's budget remained the same because of federal funds the organization previously secured to cover a portion of the ABE/GED program in the jail.

Slesar asked did anything noteworthy happen during the budget process? Luczaj said there was a lot of focus on the end of ATC grant funding and the resulting reduced program capacity and staffing. CJCC will continue to focus on screening tools to identify appropriate individuals for the programs. The CJCC will also continue to analyze and reassess programs, case load sizes, budgets, etc. and shift resources to serve those most in need.

Manke said SOPHIA worked hard to amend the ATC budget by adding \$50,000. The CJCC and its program are important and necessary in our community. He would like to see CJCC's top quality programs continue and it's important to plan for sustainability. Manke stressed the need to continually educate the county board about the CJCC.

Update on Request to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for Technical Assistance & Selection by State to Participate in Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative

Luczaj said the county submitted an application and was approved for NIC technical assistance to do system mapping and evaluate pretrial programs. In the mean time, the state submitted a statewide application to NIC to participate in the EBDM initiative. In anticipation of the state's application, the WI CJCC surveyed local CJCCs across the state, receiving 21 responses, to assess local jurisdictions' readiness to implement evidence-based practices. Six of 21 CJCCs were selected, including Waukesha County, to partner with the state if they are awarded the NIC EBDM initiative. If Wisconsin is selected, Waukesha County will be included in the state's NIC grant. If not, the county will proceed with the already-awarded county grant. NIC state awards are to be released by the end of the month with programs starting on January 1, 2015. Luczaj said all county stakeholders agreed to participate.

Carpenter said the program will be a lot of work and require dedication and commitment but hopefully bring about positive changes.

Discuss 2015 Meeting Frequency & Schedule

Motion: Wipfli moved, Bell second, to schedule quarterly meetings for the CJCC Programs and Alternatives Committee. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion: Wipfli moved, Andrews second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried 8-0.